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OF EAGLE PULL OR ARE FORMER USG EMPLOYEES IN CAMBODIA

REF: A. STATE 091731

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1. REFTEL A STATES DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NUMBER OF CAMBODIANS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE AMERICAN MISSION IN CAMBODIA AND THEIR FAMILIES NOW IN THAILAND WHO WERE EVACUATED AS PART OF EAGLE PULL AND MAY WISH TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT EXCEED 800. THIS REFLECTS A MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. WE ATTEMPTED IN REFTEL B TO CORRECT THE DEPT'S MISCONCEPTION AT THAT POINT THAT THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL PAROLEES DID NOT EXCEED 800. WE DID SPECULATE IN THE SAME CABLE THAT THE NUMBER WHO WOULD ACTUALLY SEEK PAROLE INTO THE US MIGHT RPT MIGHT NOT EXCEED 800. REFTEL C REPORTED THAT ABOUT 1,000 OF THE KHMER REFUGEES WHOM THE USG EVACUATED FROM CAMBODIA WOULD PREFER RESETTLEMENT IN THE US, AND EXPLAINED
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THAT THIS INCREASE WAS BASED ON A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS AT UTAPAO WHO HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED
A DESIRE TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA.

3. WE NOW BELIEVE THE FIGURE COULD EASILY EXCEED 1,000.
BY ACTUAL COUNT AS OF TODAY, APRIL 30, 862 KHMER REFUGEES IN
THE CAMP AT UTAPAO HAVE OPTED TO RESETTLE IN THE US AND HAVE
BEEN INTERVIEWED BY CONSULAR AND ICEM TEAMS. THIS NUMBER WILL
BE AUGMENTED BY KHMER REFUGEES EVACUATED FROM PHNOM PENH BY
THE USG WHO ARE IN THE BANGKOK AREA.
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